

Millwall bring young squad

MILLWALL manager Gordon Jago, in the process of building a new side at the Third Division club, is bringing down a young team to meet Wycombe Wanderers tomorrow (Wednesday) in a friendly at Loakes Park (writes Stuart Earp).

Only three of his squad are over 20 and two schoolboys will be included in the party. Two of the more experienced players are Alan Dorney, who has been with Millwall for many years, and Alan Welsh. The latter played against Wycombe in the F.A. Cup for Bournemouth last season.

The other players in the squad include five 18 year olds and two 17 year olds.

Gordon Jago has a high regard for non-league football and has groomed two amateur players for the Millwall first team this season. He delved into the depths of the Athenian League Division Two to find two players — Trevor Lee and Phil Walker. Both have played regularly for the club's Division Three team this season.

Mr Jago, who recently turned down a £90,000 managerial job in

the United States, believes there is a good deal of talent in the Rothmans Isthmian League. He told me this week he has three or four players lined up to join him next season but does not want to disturb them or their clubs who

are still involved in cup competitions.

"There are many players in the Isthmian League who can make the grade in league football. Peter McGillicuddy, the Enfield player, has played for our reserve team this season and looks a fine prospect. But it would be wrong of me to sign him at the moment for his club is still involved in the league championship and the F.A. Trophy."

Millwall's team for tomorrow is (ages in brackets): Mick Johns (18), Tony Morris (17), George Borg (18), Mark Wright (19), Alan Dorney (27), Dave Donaldson (21), Alan Welsh (27), Phil Garner (18), Steve Manders (18), Keith Chivers (18), Steve Hamberger (17).

Wycombe may be without centre half John Delaney who damaged his shoulder in Saturday's 4-0 win over Kingstonian, but they are likely to field a strong side against these Millwall youngsters.

SATURDAY'S FIXTURES

(Kick-off 3 p.m. unless stated)

Rothmans Isthmian League, Division 1: Ilford v Wycombe Wanderers.

Athenian League, Division 1: Marlow v Worthing.

London Spartan League, Division 2: Crown & Manor v Chalfont St. Peter (2.45 p.m.). **League Cup, Senior Section 2nd round:** Amersham Town v Whyteleafe (2.45 p.m.).

Rothmans Hellenic League, Premier Division: Burnham v Forest Green.